

**PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, November 1, 2018
7:00 P.M., BOARDROOM
1925 BROOKDALE AVENUE**



AGENDA

Please make sure you sign-in upon arrival

1. Call to Order
2. Word from the Chair
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - 4.1. 03 May 2018
 - 4.2. 07 June 2018
 - 4.3. AGA Part 1 (Sept 27)
 - 4.4. AGA Part 2 (Oct 11)
5. Correspondence
6. Business Arising Chair
 - 6.1. Commissioner Replacement Postmortem Recommendations: Council Response
7. Questions from the Public
8. New Business
 - 8.1. E-Voting @ the PC: How is it different from GBs?
 - 8.2. VOTE: Extending an Invitation to Council
 - 8.3. Budget Report
 - 8.4. VOTE: Reimbursement Options
 - 8.5. VOTE: CAQ: Letter Against Banning of Religions Symbols
 - 8.6. VOTE: Formal Approval of Meeting Dates
9. Parent Reports
 - 9.1. Standing Subcommittees
 - 9.2. Ad Hoc Subcommittees
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 - 9.2.2. Ad Hoc Sub – Anti-bullying/Anti-Violence
 - 9.2.3. Ad Hoc Sub – Environmental Awareness
 - 9.2.4. Ad Hoc Sub – PC Internal Rules and Procedures
 - 9.2.5. Ad Hoc Sub – 20th Anniversary
 - 9.3. Commissioners Representing Parents
 - 9.3.1. Report
 - 9.3.2. CRP Q & A
 - 9.4. SNAC
10. Long Term Planning Committee – Presented by Chairman Noel Burke
11. External Committees and Other Reports
 - 11.1. Administration
 - 11.2. Council of Commissioners
 - 11.3. EPCQA
 - 11.4. PEF
12. Further Questions from the Public
13. Varia
14. Adjournment

**Parents` Committee MEETING
THURSDAY, November 1, 2018
Lester B. Pearson School Board
LBPSB Boardroom, 1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval**

1. Call to Order
S. Ross called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Quorum was established with 36 out of 48 LBPSB member schools, CRPC Angela Berryman, and SNAC being represented. S. Ross then proceeded to recite the acknowledgement of Mohawk land. He emphasized that the PC's thoughts and sympathies go out to the Pittsburgh victims.
2. Word from the Chair
S. Ross thanked all for attending. He reminded all Reps/Alts to please sign in. He noted that he had created name cards for new Reps/Alts that they were available at the sign in table. He apologized for inadvertently forgetting to bring cards for those Reps/Alts who have been on the PC prior to this year.
3. Approval of the Agenda
S. Ross called for a motion to approve the agenda. It was moved by R. Schubert that the agenda be approved. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - 4.1. 03 May 2018
S. Ross called for Reps/Alts to propose any changes or corrections to the minutes. 21 voted in favor, none were opposed, 6 abstentions were noted, it was carried.
 - 4.2. 07 June 2018
S. Ross called for Reps/Alts to propose any changes or corrections to the minutes. 26 voted in favor, none were opposed 5 abstentions were noted, it was carried.
 - 4.3. AGA Part 1 (Sept 27)
The Chair explained that because the structure of the PC has changed, voting to approve the PC AGA minutes at the PC Meeting is possible. S. Ross called for Reps/Alts to propose any changes or corrections to the minutes. The majority was in favor; one was opposed 3 abstentions were noted, it was carried.
 - 4.4. AGA Part 2 (Oct 11)
S. Ross called for Reps/Alts to propose any changes or corrections to the minutes. The majority was in favor; none were opposed 4 abstentions were noted, it was carried.
5. Correspondence (Please refer to the meeting Kit)
 - Aggregated comments from C. Eustace
 - Flyer for the Joint Standing Subcommittee presentation by LEARN Quebec and CFEE at the School Board on Nov. 15, 2018 at 7pm. All LBPSB parents are invited. The flyer will be posted on the PC website and on Facebook
 - PEF Comedy Night - Nov. 9, 2018 @ 8pm at JRHS
6. Business Arising Chair
 - 6.1. Commissioner Replacement Postmortem Recommendations: Council Response
S. Ross gave a brief explanation of the replacement process. Last year, due to the resignation of the Chair of Council of the LBPSB, a replacement had to be chosen, which in turn necessitated a replacement of the Commissioner from Ward 4. S. Ross noted that it was a trying experience for both the Council and the PC. He mentioned that the PC had put forth a list of recommendations to Council. Council then looked through PCs recommendations, one of which was that the names of the candidates be released. It was reported that in the new documents coming from council it was recommended that the names of the candidates be released.
At this point S. Ross apologized for not introducing the Council Reps and Admin and then introduced L. Derry - Vice - Chair of Council and T. Rhymes - Assistant Director General representing Admin.
7. Questions from the Public
 - Member of the public mentioned that with regards to the new History curriculum, minorities are not accurately represented
 - Black History booklet was introduced a few weeks ago
 - Mention of Humane Education (course teaching students to be kind to fellow humans, nature and animals)
 - Velo Quebec program - looking to see how it can be implemented
8. New Business
 - 8.1. E-Voting @ the PC: How is it different from GBs?
 - S. Ross reported that E-Voting can take place within the PC, as it is a consultative body and meetings do not have to public.

- However, this is not the case for Governing Boards, as they are obliged to hold public meetings
- A parent inquired about whether or not the GB was allowed to call a special meeting if an issue arose between meetings. - The response was that they must post that they are holding a special meeting. It was emphasized that if no voting was to take place, a Subcommittee can be formed to deal with an issue and the public does not have to be invited in this case. Minutes must be recorded at any meeting or Subcommittee meeting that is held.

8.2. VOTE: Extending an Invitation to Council

S. Ross mentioned that he would like to propose that Council members attend the PC meetings. J. Doan proposed a friendly amendment as follows:

- That Council attend all PC meetings as well as the scheduled Joint Subcommittee meetings.
- A. Saunders proposed that the motion be changed to include all PC meetings, activities and presentations. S. Ross did not accept the friendly, amendment.
- It was moved by S. Ross that an open invitation be extended to Council to attend all regular PC meetings as well as Standing Joint Subcommittee meetings. The motion was seconded by J. Asch. The majority were in favor, none were opposed, 2 abstentions were noted.

8.3. Budget Report (Please refer to the Report in the Meeting Kit)

S. Ross invited the Treasurer, A. Gross to speak to this item on the agenda. She went through the budget items. A. Gross emphasized that the BASECAMP fees have increased due to the U.S. exchange rate.

She invited Reps/Alts to ask questions. The following questions / comments were made:

- Is this the first time the proposed budget was presented at the beginning of the year? - The response was no; it was not the first time.
- Funds that are not used may be re-allocated
- Honorariums are sometimes given to guest speakers
- In the event that there are changes to the budget, it would have to come back to the PC
- Babysitting rate is an average rate and has not changed in recent years
- Carpooling to meetings is encouraged
- "Receipts for babysitting must be (*emphasize "must be"*) submitted, however receipts are not required for gas purchases"
- Calculations need to be made to figure out the electrical rate with respect to charging electric cars. The group agreed on the amount of 20¢ /km

It was moved by A Gross to accept the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by L. Podgurny. The majority was in favor, none were opposed, 2 abstentions were noted.

S. Ross called for a motion to approve the Budget Rules. The motion was seconded by J. Asch and was carried unanimously.

8.4. VOTE: Reimbursement Options

It was noted by A. Gross that the amendment has been made to the kit

To be posted on (BASECAMP) – carpooling new this year, \$300 cap for babysitting. Reimbursement Options are approved

8.5. VOTE: CAQ: Letter Against Banning of Religions Symbols

S. Ross referred Rep/Alts to the meeting kit. D. Odubayo mentioned that discussions had taken place at EPCA regarding support for this letter. He proceeded to read the letter and noted that the PC was accepting friendly amendments. The following suggested revisions were made: Add a comment that we do not want our children to be excluded from pursuing specific professions, Quebec is a multicultural society, etc... It was suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to GB Chairs allowing them to use this template for their schools governing board. *Please refer to the newly approved version of the revised letter in the kit paying careful attention to the last paragraph.*

8.6. VOTE: Formal Approval of Meeting Dates

S. Ross called for a motion to approve the proposed PC meeting dates. They were as follows:

September 27, October 11, November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 14, April 4, May 2, June 6
Standing Subcommittee meeting: November 15, January 24, March 24, May 8.

S. Ross reported that the Joint Standing Subcommittee meeting dates were not listed and that it's at the discretion of the Chair.

9. Parent Reports

9.1. Standing Subcommittees

9.2. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

9.2.1. Communications

It was reported that no meeting has been held yet.

9.2.2. Ad Hoc Sub – Anti-bullying/Anti-Violence

It was reported that this committee would attempt to meet within the next 2 weeks.

It was noted that a list of members will be posted and that members can take a look at the materials from last year.

9.2.3. Ad Hoc Sub – Environmental Awareness

S. Ross noted that this was discussed at the AGA Part 2. This Subcommittee could make recommendations on different policies.

It was emphasized that CEGEPs, Universities and schools in Ontario have all undertaken Green initiatives. It was moved by S. Bhargava, that a Subcommittee be struck to look at Environmental Awareness. The motion was seconded by J. Ranger, and carried unanimously. S. Bhargava mentioned that he will on posting on BASECAMP.

9.2.4. Ad Hoc Sub – PC Internal Rules and Procedures

S. Ross reported that a meeting date for the PC Internal Rules and Procedures Ad Hoc Subcommittee will be posted shortly.

9.2.5. Ad Hoc Sub – 20th Anniversary

S. Ross reported that the 20th Anniversary Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting date will be posted shortly

9.3. Commissioners Representing Parents

9.3.1. Report

S. Ross noted that the report was in the kit. He invited A. Berryman to speak to this. She highlighted the following:

- The Programs and Services Committee will be meeting next Monday, November 5, 2018
- Support for PEF needed
- Grant program has been suspended for now
- Parent inquired at Council about Air Conditioning to reduce the heat on hot days

9.3.2. CRP Q & A

9.4. SNAC (Please refer to the report in the kit)

S. Ross invited J. Di Marco to speak to this item on the agenda. She highlighted the following:

- SNAC meeting dates are posted
- Upcoming special presentation by Dr. Cindy Finn Regarding Students with Special Needs
- SNAC approved their Internal Rules
- IEP Resource kit made by SNAC sent 5 copies of the IEP Resource Kit to all Schools last June
- Lots of public in attendance at SNAC meetings recently

10. Long Term Planning Committee – Presented by Chairman Noel Burke

S. Ross invited LBPSB Chairman N. Burke to present for the Long Term Planning Committee (LTP). Moving forward N. Burke expressed an interest in becoming more closely engaged with the PC. He noted that L. Derry or himself will alternate to attend the PC meetings. He emphasized that Council has begun changing its relationship with Administration and the PC. N. Burke welcomed L. Podgurny and welcomed back A. Berryman, S. Bhargava and J. Doan. L. Derry indicated that link for Commissioners is now on all school's websites.

N. Burke noted that this month he would be presenting info on LTP.

N. Burke mentioned that during the last major School Change Consultation Council retracted some the decisions that were made. Council felt that it needed time to look at the School Board in the long term rather than the LTP committee looking at 5 and 10 years. Surveys went out and focus groups were conducted with over 6000 responses received from parents, teachers and students. He noted that 5 options at the High School level were proposed.

3 of 6 programs with the highest ratings were presented the top 3 being the following:

1. Dual Track Vocational – Academic
2. Full Emersion
3. Project Based Learning

Council and Administration will work on the distribution of programs. Plans will be put on the table and made public. GBs and other consultative groups will weigh in. Consultations will take place in the spring. N. Buke invited PC members to prepare their questions.

11. External Committees and Other Reports

11.1. Administration

- S. Ross invited T. Rhymes to speak to this item on the agenda. He referred attendees to the report which was included in the meeting kit.
- He invited Reps/Alts to ask questions
- T Rhymes made reference to the fact that all principles have the link to the VELO Quebec program.
- He noted that if parents are interested in this program, they should get in touch with their principal of their child's school.

11.2. Council of Commissioners

S. Ross invited L. Derry to speak to this item on the Agenda.

She noted that Council appointed two Student Commissioners this week.

11.3. EPCA

S. Ross invited D. Odubayo to speak to this item on the agenda:

- D. Odubayo emphasized that the EPCA AGA is scheduled to take place on Nov. 24, 2018
- He referred attendees to the meeting kit
- He highlighted the fact that a subcommittee for Special Needs has struck and will hold its first meeting before the end of the year: This subcommittee will give input to EPCA for SN with regards to Consultations for funding with the Government
- D. Odubayo invited the PC to always put forth a resolution to EPCA in order to help shape the direction that EPCA will take
- He referred attendees to the meeting kit
- He highlighted the fact that a subcommittee for Special Needs has been struck and will hold its first meeting before the end of the year. This Subcommittee will give input to EPCA for SN with regards to consultations for funding with the Government
- D. Odubayo invited PC to always put forth a resolution to EPCA in order to help shape the direction that EPCA will take

11.4. PEF

S. Ross invited D. Rainey to speak to this item on the agenda.

D. Rainey introduced herself and noted that she was recently elected as President of PEF.

She highlighted the following:

- Each school has a link on the PEF website where individuals can donate directly to their schools through PEF
- The Grant Program has recently been suspended as it was decided that PEF will be concentrating its efforts on ensuring that students who are in need of food or clothing have their needs met
- In the past the donating process was somewhat complicated the process has now been streamlined and PEF is now accepting E-transfers
- Tax receipts are available
- Comedy Benefit Show – Nov 9th at 8pm at John Rennie High School. If sold out – 85 students will benefit from winter wear
- Reps/Alts were encouraged to approach their employers regarding possible donations to PEF
- Goal of raising \$75,000 within 1 yr to help PEF get back on track
- 100% of funds raised go to the PEF

12. Further Questions from the Public

A member of the public commented on the following:

- Education Plan proposed by the CAQ is similar to Bill 86
- CAQ plan will give more powers to GBs
- Question to the Committee if the PC will treat CAQ plan in the same way it treated the Liberal plan – response from the Chair that the PC will look at the question
- Request from CRP – that only questions be posed during question period.

13. Varia

S. Ross invited Reps/Alts to present any Varia that they may have. The following was highlighted:

- Reflex Math – no longer used by LBPSB. Was a measurement tool some schools based their Success Plans on. It was replaced by GIZMO.
- License available for Reflex Math in the amount of \$35 US
- QFHSA Fall Conference – Saturday, November 3, 2018
- Free speech and sound screening for children of all ages offered by Ultra Health Services on Sunday, November 4, 2018
- Comments were made regarding the possible inclusion of gender inclusivity programs
- GB Training – Thanks to T. Rhymes and G. Dugré for facilitating the GB Training session. It was noted that the audio was not working properly and therefore the video is not available. However, a previous GB Training session is archived on the LBPSB website.

14. Adjournment

It moved by S. Ross to adjourn the meeting at 10pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Schnider
Recording Secretary

Attendance record will be added shortly.